

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Independent claims 1, 44, 45, and 46 have been amended to recite that the composition comprises --(C) at least one cationic polymer---, and dependent claims 32 and 34 - 38 have been amended to conform with these amendments. Support can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, including, for example, claim 32. No new matter has been added.

B. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-46 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,028,041, 6,159,914, 6,162,424, and 6,290,944, and copending Application No. 09/759,165. (Examiner's Answer Brief dated July 15, 2003, pg. 3.)


C. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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